



October 22, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

We welcome you to worship with us this morning, as we gather in community to draw closer to God, made known in Christ. We pray you will know the presence of the Lord, through our worship, and through the work of the Spirit. We invite you to take these moments before worship to calm your hearts and minds and open yourself to the quiet stillness of the presence of God!

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Larry Johnson

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Call to Worship

One: Create in us clean hearts, O God; All: And restore new and right spirits within us. One: Do not cast us away from your presence; All: Do not take your holy spirit from us. One: Restore to us the joy of your salvation, All: And sustain within us willing spirits. One: Then we shall praise you with our voices; All: Then our entire being will exalt you, O God.

*Opening Hymn #393 - "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(A Moment of Silent Confession)

Promise of God's Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole. One: Know that we have been forgiven, and be at peace! All: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen!

*Congregational Response (Hymn #581)

The Giving of Our Tithes, Gifts, & Selves to God - Offertory

Congregational Response (Hymn #606)

*Prayer of Dedication

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Time for Children– Junior SermonMegan CashingChildren ages $3 - 1^{st}$ Grade are invited to Junior Church after theAnthem; 'Worship Boards' are on the front pew for older youth.

Choral Anthem – "Walk By Faith"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Gracious Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your word with joy. Amen.

| Scripture | 1 st Reading: 1 Samuel 2 nd Reading: John 7:24 | | |
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| Sermon | "True Sight" | Rev. Jason N. Cashing | |

*Reflective Hymn #450 - "Be Thou My Vision"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the Spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the Church, for the Glory of God. Amen.

[from the Iona Abbey Community]

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer One: Lord, in your mercy, **All: Hear our prayers.**

*Departing Hymn #630 - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Blessing

One: We have been blessed!
All: We have met for divine worship, as God's people.
One: We have been blessed!
All: Our sins have truly been forgiven.
One: We have been blessed!
All: We go out into the world as the body of Christ, bearing the good news of the gospel. We are blessed, indeed. Amen!

*Pastoral Benediction

*Choral Benediction & Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

We hope you will join us at our 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch <u>after worship service on October 29</u> in the Fellowship Hall. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to indicate your potluck item(s). Visitors are welcomed to join us!

Just a reminder that Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5 (clocks "fall back").

GMPC Information

www.gregorymemorial.org www.facebook.com/gmpcva 804.732.1081 Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Jason Cashing (Jason@gregorymemorial.org) Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org) Organist: Sandra Perkins Accompanist: Gail Rollings Treasurer: Kevin Foster Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

Session Members

Mary Holc (2017); Susan Walker (2017); Robert Hartsell (2017) Blake Bishop (2018); Valerie Harsh (2018); ____(2018) Sandy Hunter (2019), Patsy Johnson (2019); (2019) Charles Smyth (2019) Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

Trustees

Gregg Webber (2017); Mary Kay Schroeter (2018); Morgan Ingram (2019)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

| | 22 | 9:45a Sunday School | 29 |
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| 9:45a Sunday School | | 11a Worship | |
| 11a Worship | | Local Emerg. Aid Offering | |
| 5 Cents A Meal Offering | | 12:15p 5 th Sunday Potluck | |
| | | Lunch, Fellowship Hall | |
| | | Flowers: R. Hasky | |
| | 23 | | 30 |
| | 24 | Hallowe'en | 31 |
| | | 2p Reports due | |
| | | 6p GS Tr. 5000 | |
| 7p Choir practice | 25 | NOV | 1 |
| | | 7p Choir practice | |
| 11:30a Preschool's Halloween Party | 26 | 2-8p Church cleaning | 2 |
| 2p Newsletter out | | 7p Christian Ed | |
| 2-8p Church cleaning | | | |
| | 27 | | 3 |
| Simultaneous events: | 28 | | 4 |
| 1-9p Eagle Honor Ct. (Nall) | | | |
| 1-9p Order of Arrow's Halloween | | | |
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SUNDAY SERVANTS

O GATEKEEPER Doug Holc (Oct.) Bobby Allen (Nov.)

| | October 22, 2017 | October 29, 2017 |
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| | Bobby Allen | Jerry Hasky |
| USHERS | Donna Allen | Brenda Bond |
| USHEKS | Velma Allen | Glenda Mayhew |
| | Larry Johnson | Les Mayhew |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Larry Johnson | Rose Scott |
| JUNIOR SERMON | Megan Cashing | Susan Walker |
| JUNIOR CHURCH | Susan Walker | Pat Hunter |
| COUNTING | Morgan Ingram | Donald Hunter |
| COUNTING | Rose Scott | Megan Cashing |

| Facts & Figures | | YTD | Thru 9/30/17 | Offrg. | Rec'd. |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|--------------|--------|------------|
| Pledged/proj. incr. | \$137,530 | Inc. | \$101,321.80 | 10/1 | \$2,986.50 |
| Ann. budget exp. | \$145,537 | Exp. | \$101,688.87 | 10/8 | \$1,527.80 |
| Mo. budget needs | \$ 12,128 | Diff. | (\$ 367.07) | 10/15 | \$2,173.25 |
| Wk. budget needs | \$ 2,799 | | | 10/22 | \$ |
| | | | | 10/29 | \$ |

ATTENDANCE: October 15, 2017

| Worship: 36 | Sunday School: | 12 | |
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| | Spiritual Enrichment: | 9 | Children: |
| | Fellowship: | 3 | Youth: |

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Those affected by the recent Las Vegas tragedy & the emergency responders Those affected by recent hurricanes & the emergency responders James Hartsell, Robert Hartsell's brother Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother Maryland Blanchard, Grace and Helen Cibula's friend Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister Evelyn Lichvar, her son, Rick, and her brother, Martin (health issues) Becky Smith Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues) Helen & Grace Cibula Elizabeth & H. F. Scott, Jr. Kenneth & Sue Andrews, Childress family's friends Jimmy Clark Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence) Peggy Allen Eleanor Jones Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother Teresa Knott, PG County employee (health issue) Michelle Coleman (health issues & recov.) Ralph Summerson Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital) Adrienne Wallace, member of Hopewell News staff Jane & Ralph Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friends (health issues) Gene Vasek (health issue) Gladys Wiseman Eddie Frankenstein, former PGPD Chief (health issues) Steve "Dee" Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt's husband (health issue) Charles Story Shirley MacNeil (health issues) Perry Lewis (health issue) Bill Langston, David Johnson's friend (recov., bypass surgery) Debbie Hudson, Susan Walker's friend (recov. surgery) Brendan Scott, Rose Scott's grandson (eye issues) Janet Shockley, Susan Walker's mom (surgery on 10/8) Sandy Eickmeyer (cardiac issues) Dink Armstrong (recov. surgery) Verne & Clara Smith Kenny Overstreet (health issue) Brenda Wahl, Keith Spain's mother (health issues) Richard Harsh (recov. from surgery)